

**MEMORANDUM TO FILE**

TO: San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

FROM: Art Trinidad, Code Enforcement Supervisor

SUBJECT: Vадnais Recycle Collection Center DRC2015-00047

DATE: April 19, 2016

The issue came to code enforcement in February of 2015 as a constituent complaint about noise from the recycle center.

Our research into the property revealed that no permit had been issued for the recycle collection center, where since 1980 a discretionary permit would be required. It was further determined that even though the center had been in that general area for many years, it did not predate the land use element or the condition requiring a Minor Use Permit to operate in that land use classification. Consequently we notified the property owner of the violation and the requirements for a solution.

The operator of the center, Mr. Rodrigues made contact with staff and assured us that he would be diligent in finding another location that would meet zoning standards and still meet the requirements of Cal Recycle that required some sort of collection system or center be within a certain distance of the grocery store. Unfortunately, due the current land use zoning limitations in Cambria it soon became apparent that there was no single location that would fit both the local and State requirements, so after exploring many possibilities in town the applicant decided to continue to operate at the proposed location on Tamsen, the location it existed for many years through the discretionary permit process.

The problems that we observed through our investigation were that most of the noise generated was from crushing glass and this was because the collection center was being overloaded with recyclables due to inadequate turnaround in removing the materials from the center.